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Re: Application of: Young Hoon KO, et al.  
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RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR TIRE TREAD  
INCLUDING THE SAME**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants hereby amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.